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Sir:

THIRD STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant has not received any reply to the Status Inquiry filed January 5, 2006 and Second Status Inquiry filed June 28, 2006. As noted therein, the application should be in condition for allowance in view of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences' Decision dated *September 30, 2004* and the Amendment filed *February 25, 2005*.

Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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